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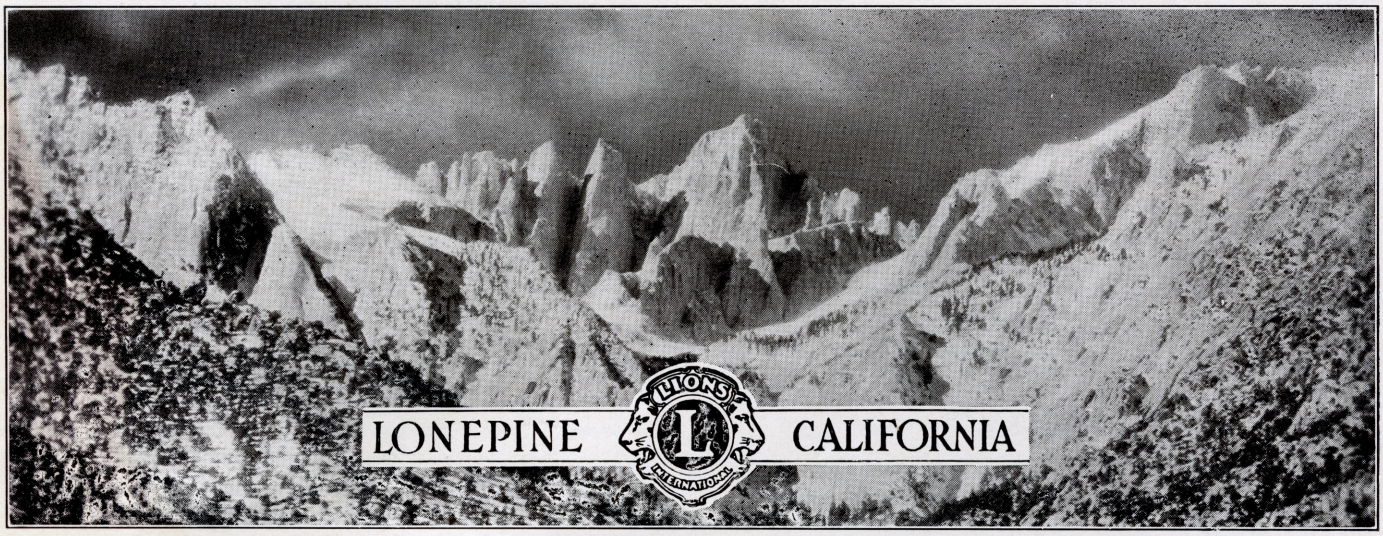

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Welcome to Lone Pine

The first of May to the outside world means sunshine, flowers and trout —especially trout. Those who enjoy deep sea fishing well know that the whales they see eat up the little fish. But in our High Sierra streams and lakes we haven't any competition from whales. We catch 'em with rod and reel— the whales.

It has been said that fish should swim thrice . . . first it should swim in the streams (do you mind me?), then it should swim in butter, and at last, sirrah, it should swim in good claret.

High Sierra Trout can be best caught by one of two ways. Many of them can be caught by merely tickling them; but if the wind is blowing from the south, the best way is to let the bait blow right into their mouths. But it is best to remember that fishing is not angling, but catching.

Seriously, as one noted fisherman has said, it is an employment of my idle time, which is then not idly spent; a rest to my mind, a cheerer of my spirits, a diverter of sadness, a calmer of unquiet thoughts, a moderator of passions, a procurer of contentedness.

Then come, my friend, forget your foes, and
leave your fears behind,
And wander forth to try your luck, with
cheerful, quiet mind.

Always remember: You must lose a fly to catch a trout.

JACK HOPKINS, President
Lions Club of Lone Pine.

Sierra Den

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Meetings of the Club are held each Wednesday, 12:00 noon, at the Trinity Hall on North Main Street.

Club Meets at Stovepipe

Seventeen members and three guests of the Sierra Den journeyed to Stovepipe Wells Hotel to hold their April 22nd. meeting as guests of Lion Hal West. After all members but two had availed themselves of the opportunity to refresh their parched throats after traversing the arid wastes between Darwin and Stovepipe, a delicious four-course dinner was served. Tail Twister Arthur Stringer featured the evening in his variety of excuses for assessing fines of more than average size on each and every member.

Lion Hal welcomed the members to Stovepipe and cordially expressed a wish that they might come again. President Jack thanked Hal on behalf of the club for the generosity and hospitality displayed by Lion Hal.

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Sierra Den Sponsors Lone Pine Folder

The recent Outing Show at the Automobile Club of Southern California included an exhibit by the Mt. Whitney Pack Train at which the Sierra Den in conjunction with the Jubilee Association passed out thirty thousand Lone Pine folders compiled expressly for the occasion. The Mt. Whitney Pack Train very generously donated the use of their exhibit for the distribution of these folders, the printing of which was financed by the business men of Lone Pine.

Thanks are due Padre Crowley for his handling of the financial arrangements; to Jack Hopkins for devoting seven days of his own time in distributing the folders and verbal information; and to George Savage for compiling the data and arranging the printing.

Den Backs Walter Dow For Highway Commission

An attempt has been made to prevail upon Governor Merriam to appoint Lion Walter Dow to fill the vacancy in the California Highway Commission recently created by the death of Mr. Hamilton of Riverside County. As president of the Three-Flags Highway Association, in addition to his deep interest in highway matters throughout the west, Lion Walter is considered to be one of the most qualified men for the position. Our section of California has as yet never been honored with the appointment of any of its residents to any State Commission, and it is hoped that Governor Merriam will give the matter his most genuine consideration.

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New Name Suggested For Hunters Flat

To better visualize the beauties that may be found at an elevation of more than 8,000 feet, now so readily accessible through the completion of the new road to Hunters Flat, a movement was recently started to designate a more appropriate name. Acting in conjunction with the U. S. Forest Service and the Jubilee Association names were suggested and voted upon at a recent meeting. The names, in order of their favor, were: Mt. Whitney Gates, Mt. Whitney Pines, Mt. Whitney Falls, Mt. Whitney Glen and Lone Pine Gulch. The first four names were submitted to the U. S. Forest Service for consideration.

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Fire Loss Suffered By Members

The night of March 31st will be long remembered by the people of Lone Pine and particularly to two members of the Sierra Den who suffered heavily in the most serious conflagration in twelve years. Fire starting in the kitchen of the Mt. Whitney Cafe rapidly spread to the balance of the building and getting out of control leaped to the adjacent Ellis Motors, reducing both to a mass of ruins before it was stopped. It was thought for a time that the blaze might rise to greater proportions, but fortunately there was little wind blowing.

Lion Howard Ellis suffered a total loss of his equipment and stock with the exception of automobiles, and was so unfortunate as to have no insurance. Lion Charlie Sumner sustained the total loss of his restaurant building which was partially covered by insurance.

At this writing, Lion Charlie has a new building well underway, which in addition to the restaurant will also include a new car and parts display room for Ellis Motors. Rebuilding of the garage is expected to start in the immediate future.

WE WONDER....

—What Max Skinner would do if all the window sills were moved off of Main Street?

—How Ben Nicola would carry that rubber hose if coats were made without pockets?

—What Rudie Henderson would do if there was another lumber yard in Lone Pine?

—What Howard Ellis would do if he didn't have Nell to tell him what to do?

—What Walter Dow would do if the movies boycotted Lone Pine?

—What Howard Miller would do if Henry Ford quit business?

—What Jack Hopkins would do if Papa Max sentenced him to work in his store for six straight days while trout season was on?

—What Whit Barber is going to do with two restaurants?

—What Padre Crowley would do if he suddenly lost his power of speech?

—What George Francis would do if Judge Stevens fulfilled all of his promises?

—What Hal West would do if the Lions decided to make it an annual event?

—What George Savage would do if that new motor also throws rods?

—What Ralph Feil will do with his new fire wagon?

—What Samuel Gibson would do if he caught a trout on his new fishing license?

—What Irving Joseph would do if Ken Turner matched him with another store?

—What Mark Williamson would do if his Ford broke down in front of the Chevrolet agency at Oceanside?

—What Al Morgan would do if it wasn't for the Democrats?

—What Ham Hoffman would do if he had to drive his car to a meeting at Stovepipe Wells Hotel?

—And lastly, but not leastly, what WILL Arthur Stringer do with his new radio competition?

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Group Meeting Anticipated

The good news of the proposed visit of a group of members of the Bakersfield Den was heartily received by the Lone Pine Club. It was at first suggested that the joint meeting be held at Lion Whit Barber's cafe at Olancha. Lion Whit is past president of the Bakersfield Club. The date was tentatively set for Saturday evening, May 9th.

This will be the first group meeting the Sierra Den has had with any Lions Club since the founding of the local group six years ago. Needless to state, the interest displayed by the Bakersfield boys is genuinely appreciated.

Lions Show Huge Success From Entertainment Standpoint

One of the most entertaining evenings in Lone Pine in a long time was the Variety Show staged by the Sierra Den at the Lone Pine Union High School auditorium, April 8th. The show consisted of seven novel acts presented to a packed house, at which Lion George Savage served as master of ceremonies.

The opening number of the show consisted of several orchestral selections and skits by members of Lion Samuel Gibson's protegees, the C. C. C. orchestra.

The second number was presented by the Inyo Writer's Guild consisting of a touching love scene by two mechanical robots.

The third act was a novel presentation of a playlette by the seventh and eighth grade pupils of the Lone Pine Elementary school, under the direction of Prof. G. L. Wahlquist. The youngsters proved themselves exceptionally adept in entertaining the audience.

The fourth presentation consisted of "The Family Album" as interpreted by the Alumni Association. This consisted of a series of characteristic representations of the gay nineties period of living portraits that verged on a hit. This clever number was directed by Mrs. Arthur Storms.

Following the intermission The Junior V. A. Club presented an elaborate three scene burlesque, in which several members of the Sierra Den were drafted to expose themselves as scantily draped chorus girls and a more scantily draped fan dancer.

Act six was a series of three delightful solos presented by Mrs. W. E. McLean on behalf of the V. A. Club.

The seventh act was presented by the Pinon Players under the direction of Lion Padre Crowley, consisting of an old time melledrammer of the Northwest Mounted Police. Lion Bob Skelton is still wondering if there were real bullets in that gun.

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Seventh Annual Sunrise Services Pronounced Success

The Sierra Den is again deeply appreciative of the efforts of Mrs. W. E. McLean in directing the annual Easter Sunrise services at the foot of Mt. Whitney. The services were conducted by Dr. B. E. Nicola, an ordained minister in the Church of the Seventh Day Adventists.

One of the impressive events at this year's services was the marriage of Miss Margaret Gilmore to Mr. Curtis Phillips.

The services this year were marked by an increase in attendance as compared to previous years.

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